--- 1/8th Pound - "Series of 1883" - GREEN – 250/253 x 15 mm. - 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) ---

--- Recess printed on wove paper - 4 mm blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

John McKay records that 731,110 *lithographed* copies and 465,240 *recess printed* by hand press copies of "1-8 lb. Green" tobacco were 'delivered' under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892). Since there are no 1/8th pound green strips in the "Series of 1880-81", these *lithographed* strips must be from the "Series of 1883".

John McKay also records that 116,064 *lithographed* copies of "1/8 Green" tobacco and 9,186 *recess printed* by rotary press copies were 'delivered' under the **5th BABN Contract** (1892-1897).

John McKay further records that 110,000 copies of "1/8 lb. Green" tobacco *recess printed* by hand press and 142,660 copies *recess printed* by rotary press were 'delivered' under the **5th BABN Supplement** (1897-1898).

These sheets had been printed under the **5th BABN Contract** and remained in stock when BABN lost the printing contract to ABN in 1897. By mutual agreement they were made available to the Department while ABN worked 'up-to-speed' with the die preparation and the printing of the "Series of 1897".

4th BABN Contract - October 22nd 1886	731,110 *lithographed*	**000001** to **847174**
	465,240 recess printed by hand press	**847175** to 1-**312414**
5th BABN Contract - April 23rd 1892	116,064 *lithographed*	
	9,186 recess printed by rotary press	1-**312415** to 1-**321600**
5th BABN Supplement - (1897-1898)	110,000 recess printed by hand press	1-**321601** to 1-**431600**
	142,660 recess printed by rotary press	1-**431601** to 1-**574260**
	1,574,260	

Total is 847,174 lithographed + 727,086 recess printed = 1,574,260

In 1882, as the release of the recess printed "Series of 1883" was immanent, BABN was notified that they were to produce no further copies of the "Series of "1880-81" without the express permission of the Department, and in 1888 these "1880-81" strips were finally declared *obsolete*. These transition years made it a very difficult time for the BABN affiliated "Burland-Desbarats Lithographic Company". Apparently, to close this gap, part of BABN's production of the "Series of 1883" was transferred to their lithographic facility. Used early in the life of the strip, these lithographed strips are very scarce, to non-existent. All of the residual 1883 copies for sale today seem to be *recess printed*, 'end-of-run', remnants. Probably the *lithographed* copies (if any survive) will be found today as *control-free* file copies. The collection ***does not contain*** an example of the *lithographed* 1/8th pound green strip from the "Series of 1883", but I have not been looking, since I did not realize their existence. **WANTED!**

The catalogue should list the *recess printed* "Series of 1883" green 1/8th pound strips as follows:

RP-578 - 1/8th pound, green, perforated 12, on horizontal mesh wove, by rotary press - 253 x 15 mm.
RP-579 - 1/8th pound, green, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, by rotary press - 253 x 15 mm. - **WANTED!**
RP-579a - 1/8th pound, green, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, by hand press - 250 x 15 mm.

The *lithographed* "Series of 1883" green 1/8th pound strips should list as follows:

RP-578 (L) - 1/8th pound, green, perforated 12, on horizontal mesh wove paper - 250 x 15 mm - **WANTED!**
RP-579 (L) - 1/8th pound, green, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove paper - 250 x 15 mm - **WANTED!**

--- 1/8th Pound - "Series of 1883" - GREEN - 253 x 15 mm. - 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) ---

--- RP-578 - perforated 12 - printed by *rotary press* on horizontal mesh wove - 4 mm blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

RP-578 - 1/8th pound, perf 12, 4 mm. control 1-**012669**, on horizontal mesh wove - 253 x 15 mm. design,
Rollered **TOBACCO / 5 - 17** in violet ink by "A. D. Porcheron Tobacco", Montreal - back stamped **F. B. ELDREDGE**

1-**012669**★	RP-578	1/8th pound, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove - rollered **TOBACCO / 5 - 17**
1-**477675**	RP-578	1/8th pound, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove - rollered **TOBACCO / 5 - 17**

--- 1/8th Pound - "Series of 1883" - GREEN - 250 x 15 mm. - 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) ---

--- RP-579a - *coarse roulette* - printed by *hand press* on horizontal mesh wove - 4 mm blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

RP-579a - 1/8th pound, *coarse roulette*, 250 x 15 mm design - 4 mm control 1-**240029**

RP-579a CP - 1/8th pound, *coarse roulette* - 250 x 15 mm design, 4 mm control 1-**240037** - stamped **CANCELLED**

1-**065834**	RP-579a	1/8th pound, coarse roulette, horizontal mesh wove - coded **TOBACCO / 14 - 17**
1-**240004**	RP-579a CP	1/8th pound, coarse roulette, horizontal mesh wove - stamped **CANCELLED**
1-**240029**★	RP-579a	1/8th pound, coarse roulette, horizontal mesh wove
1-**240037**★	RP-579a CP	1/8th pound, coarse roulette, horizontal mesh wove - stamped **CANCELLED**
1-**268388**★	RP-579a	1/8th pound, coarse roulette, horizontal mesh wove - coded **TOBACCO / 5 - 17**
1-**290921**	RP-579a	1/8th pound, coarse roulette, horizontal mesh wove

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